

AN OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

The King of Saxony Orders an Explanation Made Subjects.

The Elopement of the Queen to Be the Subject of a Formal Publication.

AFFAIR CREATED DISRESPECT

Berlin, Jan. 1.—King George of Saxony has ordered the preparation of a full, official account of the elopement of the Crown Princess Louise and the circumstances leading up to it for the Saxons, among whom the most fantastical stories are in circulation, to the detriment of the royal people, especially with reference to the future king. The scandal is undermining, according to some opinions, the people's loyalty and respect for the throne. The dynasty being Catholic, and the people Protestant, the affair is being utilized for sectarian controversy. The king's statement, doubtless, will follow the line indicated in the intimations, supplied to the newspapers having court leanings, published today, affirming that the crown princess' sole reason for eloping was her criminal relations with Prof. Giron, and that documentary proofs have been found showing that the elopement had been in preparation. The stories of ill treatment on the part of her husband, of oppressive court ceremonies and of her fettered existence are classed as inventions.

The crown princess' own statement of the immediate cause of her flight from Salzburg, written to an intimate friend, presumably the Princess Theresia of Bavaria, was telegraphed from Munich this morning. It says her father, the grand duke of Tuscany, intended to imprison his daughter in a lunatic asylum or in an Italian convent. He already had consulted the court physician and several medical authorities in Vienna, with the object of obtaining certificates warranting him in shutting her up.

Her father, the crown princess adds, was giving her no time for deliberation. He demanded first, that she be taken under guard to Dresden, to apologize to the crown prince, and that she then choose between confinement in a convent or in a madhouse. The crown princess asks the Bavarian court to use its influence with the court at Dresden to permit her children to choose their vocation in life freely.

DEAR OLD LEXINGTON

FEW OF HER SHORTCOMINGS EXPOSED.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 1.—The political address made here by Charles J. Bronston, pursuant to his announcement, created another sensation in the pending mayoralty campaign. Democratic malfeasance in Fayette county was held up to the most withering sarcasm and biting ridicule.

He reaffirmed all his previous charges of fraud against the head of the Fayette fiscal court, and emphasized new ones more severe than the first. Facts, figures and public records were quoted to substantiate the charges he made.

He closed by stating that, "after making all fair and reasonable allowances, there was the enormous sum of \$53,000 not accounted for on the books, and which has gone to satisfy the extravagant luxury of the happy few in charge of the court and in control of the fiscal affairs of the county."

ORIGIN OF PARTY LAST EVENING.

Mr. Will Webb was the host of a Mr. party at The Kentucky last evening that included Miss Anna ptomachs of Nashville, Tenn., Miss Christ Elizabeth Sinnott, Miss Ethel Morawitz, Miss Henrietta Koger, Mr. Dr. Oden Parks of Nashville, Tenn., Mr. for the on Dennison and Mr. Everett Denbetter, son, of Marion, Ill.

MORGAN'S FINE PRESENTS.

New York, Jan. 1.—J. P. Morgan and Co. today gave employees cash presents aggregating \$100,000.

A NEW YEAR BEGINS

A General Holiday Quietly Observed in Paducah Today

Many Minor Business Changes Became Effective Here Today and Others Probable.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS SUSPENDED

New Year in Paducah has been quietly settled, and there has been little business transacted. The public institutions, as on other national holidays, have been closed, and many of the factories shut down and the business houses closed at noon for the day.

There have been no courts, and the usual dulness has prevailed. Last night the customary welcome was given the new year by whistles and bells and there were many watch parties.

A great many changes have taken place today in business circles, most of them of a minor nature.

Today the Y. M. O. A. was thrown open to the public and this afternoon and night will be enlivened by entertainment both musical and literary.

The ladies' committee has charge this afternoon and a regular program has been arranged. Mr. H. I. Fitch, Mrs. George B. Hart, Mrs. W. T. Miller, Misses Brazelton, Courtie Puryear, Mayme Dreyfuss and Addie Miller and Prof. Gilbert Dodd and Dr. Froagge are down on the program for musical numbers. Refreshments will this afternoon be served and tonight refreshment will be served also at the mock trial. The mock trial will be a feature heretofore new to people in Paducah and there will no doubt be an excellent attendance.

Keeper of the City Prison T. J. Evitts, who was elected in November, took charge of the lockup last night, and Lockup Keeper Menifee retired. Mr. Menifee has moved temporarily to 1720 Monroe street until his new home on Harrison between Seventh and Eighth is completed. Mr. Evitts will move into the house vacated by Mr. Menifee adjoining the city hall. Officer Joe Potter, who has been Mr. Menifee's efficient deputy, also retires and Mr. Smedley becomes deputy under Mr. Evitts. Mr. Menifee has been placed on the police force in Officer Evitts' place until the commissioners make the regular appointments, and it is thought he will then be placed on permanently.

The consolidation of the Smith and Scott, the Flournoy and the Porter-Hudson Tobacco companies, the latter of Paris, Tenn., went into effect today, and the new traveling men all start out at once. The details of the deal are already known, the negotiations being completed several weeks ago.

The I. C. shops are idle today except in the round house where a few men are employed on the engines that have to go out today. The machine and wood working shops are idle and will remain so throughout the day.

Rev. G. W. Perryman, pastor of the First Baptist church, has ended his second year, and last evening the deacons raised his salary to \$2,000. Dr. J. T. Reddick was elected a deacon.

Mr. Columbus Turner has been appointed general manager here for the Fidelity Loan company, of Louisville, which he has represented for the past six months.

ORIGINAL "TOPSY" DEAD

EMOGENE TRACY HELPED MAKE "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" FAMOUS.

New York, Jan. 1.—Emogene Tracy, one of the best known songwriters of a generation ago, is dead as a result of a fall downstairs at her home in this city.

Miss Tracy took up the part of Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" after the role had been created by Mari Bates and played it for many years. She was the one chosen to play the part in Europe at the time a fund was raised to have the play produced there.

FOR COW STEALING

Graves County Man Arrested by Chief Collins Today.

He Is Alleged to Be Wanted in Carlisle County for the Offense.

ANOTHER COW WHEN CAUGHT

Chief of Police James Collins made an important arrest this morning in the person of Ivory Crawford, of Anytime, Graves county, a small place near Mayfield, who is wanted in Carlisle county for cow stealing.

Last night a farmer named Holt from Carlisle county, complained to the police that a cow had been stolen from him and said that he had traced the animal to the Thompson stock yards and from there to a butcher's slaughter house. Andy Pudy was the butcher and on applying to him, and giving a description of his cow was assured that Pudy had his cow. The butcher had killed the bovine, however, but it was easily identified by the hide. A good description of Crawford was obtained from Mr. Thompson, of the stock yards, and Mayfield authorities were immediately communicated with when it was learned that Crawford had gone home.

This morning he walked into town again, this time with another cow. He was leading it by a rope and seemed greatly surprised when arrested, as he claimed to have purchased the cow from a farmer near Hickory Grove. Chief Collins thinks there will be no trouble in convicting Crawford and is holding him to arrange for his disposition. He is investigating today to see how Crawford got the second cow.

THREATEN TROUBLE

ANTI-PRIMARY MEN SAY CHAIRMAN YOUNG IS IGNORING RULE.

Frankfort, Jan. 1.—Chairman Althe W. Young of the Democratic state executive committee may be served with a rule for contempt of court when he arrives here Monday next to preside over the meeting of the committee called by him for that day.

Representatives of the anti-primary side say that the call of Chairman Young, which announces that the committee will fix the details for the Democratic state primary, is clearly a violation of the temporary restraining order granted them by County Judge Polsgrove, and that no step can be taken in the matter till the injunction is dissolved, which has not been done.

One of the attorneys in the case stated that it has not been definitely determined whether a rule would be asked for.

Miss Lottie Johnson of Metropolis is visiting Miss Ethel Bailey, her cousin.

CASTRO HAS GIVEN IN

He Has Virtually Accepted the Proposal of Powers

The French Claim to be Treated as Those of England and Germany.

ANSWER AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 1.—The answer of President Castro to the proposals of the allies to submit to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal the Venezuelan difficulties has reached Washington through Minister Bowen. The answer amounts to a general acceptance of the principles of the proposition, President Castro being willing to submit his case to the arbitration of fair and impartial authorities. The details of the answer will not be published here in advance of its reception by the European allied powers and, in fact, it may be withheld entirely from publication on the ground that it really belongs to those powers.

Today the answer is being prepared at the state department for transmission to Europe. As it is quite long and undoubtedly will require careful consideration by the foreign offices at London, Berlin and Rome, it is not expected that any further steps toward a final settlement can be taken for a day or two. The feeling here, however, based on a knowledge of Castro's position, is that his answer practically clears the way for the submission of the case to arbitration. The answer has given great satisfaction here.

Paris, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from Caracas confirms the statement that Venezuela has promised France to treat her claims as those of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, but adds that a similar promise was refused to Belgium, Spain and Holland.

DIED IN HOSPITAL

EMPLOYEE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL VICTIM OF CONSUMPTION.

Mr. R. E. Whitmer, age 49, died at the railroad hospital last night at 12 o'clock of consumption after an illness of several weeks. He had been in the hospital only eighteen days. He resided at 1304 Jackson street and leaves a wife and one son, Mr. Sam Whitmer, a machinist in the local I. C. shops. The remains will be shipped tonight to Central City where he formerly resided. He came to Paducah about eleven years ago and at the time of his illness was employed as stationary engineer at the shops here.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT GIVES BOND.

County Superintendent of Schools A. M. Ragsdale this morning gave a bond for another year, the Fidelity and Deposit company, of Maryland, becoming his surety.

MORE EVIDENCE NOW

Key Found on Persons of Alleged Safe Blowers Fit Door

Of the Store Robbed at Confederate, Ky.—Chief Collins Well Pleased.

POLICE DOING GOOD WORK

Chief of Police James Collins has developed new and stronger evidence against O'Neil and Russell, the suspected safe blowers who were arrested here several weeks ago, and feels confident that the authorities will have no trouble whatever in convicting the men.

When arrested the men had concealed burglar tools of all descriptions, which the police found, along with keys and gun-cotton and other explosives used by safe blowers. All were taken by the police and last week Messrs. Cummins and Ramey of Confederate, Ky., whose house was entered and the safe blown, were given a key to try on their door. This key fitted the lock exactly and adds much to the evidence against the men.

The skeleton keys were made of copper wire hammered out flat and turned to any point. They had several keys that were unfinished, but several were completed and out of the latter lot the merchants from Confederate identified the key that unlocked their store. Chief Collins is jubilant over the outcome of the test and is gratified that stronger proof is being secured.

The police have done excellent work of late and this last achievement has gone abroad and the good work of the Paducah police who captured the men after the Cincinnati and Louisville police had failed, has been highly commended. The safe blowers passed through the above cities and were not once suspected. When they got here however they went up against the real thing and the penitentiary is yawning to receive them.

SHIRAS TO RETIRE.

GOV. TAFT PROPOSED AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Justice Shiras of the supreme court of the United States will retire some time during the present winter. The date has not yet been fixed and cannot be until certain cases which have been argued and other cases which have been held for reargument have been disposed of. Mr. Shiras, however, will retire during the present session of congress in order that his successor may be confirmed before the adjournment. Among the names proposed as his successor is that of William H. Taft, civil governor of the Philippines.

FOUR MORE.

THE BIEDERMAN COMPANY WILL PROBABLY OWN FOURTEEN IN ALL.

The Biederman Grocery company, which has secured control of a number of groceries throughout the city for the past several weeks, has four contracts pending for stores that will probably be closed before the expiration of the week, and when the pending contracts have been closed will have fourteen stores in addition to the central store at Seventh and Washington streets.

INJURED DOING WELL

INVESTIGATION OF I. C. WRECK WAITING ON CONDUCTOR M'COANN.

All the victims injured in the Illinois Central wreck at Caneyville water tank, Saturday morning, are on the road to recovery. The date for investigating the collision will depend on Conductor McCoann's recovery, whose leg was amputated Sunday. His condition showed improvement yesterday.

Mr. Frank Boone has returned from Little Rock.

SHE DIED IN AGONY

Maggie Carroll Commits Suicide at Mallie Grooms.

Drank Half a Bottle of Carbolic Acid and Lived Less Than Ten Minutes.

LITTLE KNOWN OF HER

Maggie Carroll, an inmate of the Mallie Grooms resort, on West Court street, drank one and a third ounces of carbolic acid last night, just as the whistles and bells were announcing the new year's arrival, and died five minutes later.

The woman's right name was Carroll although she sometimes went by the name of Roush, and she had lived in Paducah for about six years, coming from Cincinnati, where she was born twenty-three years ago. She lived with Mrs. Sue Eggleston on a houseboat for several years, and for a time in Metropolis, but three months ago went to Cairo and upon her return a week ago entered the resort of Mallie Grooms. She seemed in good spirits throughout the day yesterday and had been down in the city in the afternoon shopping.

Last night shortly before 12 o'clock she went to her room, procured a three ounce vial of carbolic acid that she had procured in Cairo, and poured nearly half into a small glass and took it down stairs with her. She went into the parlor and while standing drank the acid. A companion came in directly after she had drunk the poison and seeing her reeling, laid her on the sofa. "Annie, I am gone" was all she said and upon smelling in the glass, her companion learned that she had taken carbolic acid. Drs. Robertson and Hoyer were called, but were unable to save her and five minutes after she had taken the drug she died. It was thought once she revived but it proved to be only muscular contraction.

Little is known of her family history except that she has a father living in the soldiers' home in Dayton, O., a very old and feeble man, and no other relatives are known.

The remains were taken to Effinger's undertaking establishment, where Coroner Peal held an inquest this morning at 10 o'clock.

There was nothing to show why she killed herself, as she left no note or explanation, but it is supposed that she became despondent. The verdict was suicide by carbolic acid poisoning.

The funeral took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, burial at Oak Grove.

SENTENCE COMMUTED

GOV. BECKHAM REDUCES PUNISHMENT OF A WIFE MURDERER.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 1.—Governor Beckham commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Joe Hooker, the Lincoln county colored wife murderer. The judges of the court of appeals signed a letter to the governor, in which they stated that they thought he should have clemency. Hooker, who had been separated from his wife, shot her and claimed self-defense on the ground that she was about to attack him with a razor.

Colonel Bennett H. Young, of Louisville, this afternoon accepted employment as associate counsel for the state in the Louisville and Nashville merger case.

A NEW PARTNERSHIP.

Dr. Harry Williamson has become a specialist. Dr. Williamson and Dr. Will Wayne have formed a partnership and will occupy the office now occupied by Dr. Wayne. Dr. Williamson has just returned from New York where he took a postgraduate course in medicine and also in special branches, the eye, ear and nose treatment.

JUDGE NUNN ARRIVES.

Frankfort, Jan. 1.—Appellate Judge T. J. Nunn arrived here today and the first of the new judges to arrive. His family will come here at once.

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